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PRESIDENT: Now, if we could just dim the theatre lights. Once again, if the Chair could get the senators in their seats, we could begin final reading. Chair recognizes Senator Skarda. For what purpose do you rise, Senator?

SENATOR SKARDA: I rise in defense of you asking these senators to constantly and begging them every day in and day out to take their seats. When I go out of here, I'm the first one that's snatched and I think the rest of them should be put in their chairs just like I am when I leave.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda, the Chair wouldn't do that to you. However, your point's well taken. I know there's always some last minute discussion that needs to take place. Obviously it's the most important discussion of the morning or it wouldn't be going on. Once again, Senators, we're trying to head for final reading and the rules of the Legislature require you to be in your seats. The Chair didn't make that rule, if I may observe. Attention please, final reading of LB17A. Clerk will read the bill.

CLERK: Read LB17A.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied is, the question is, shall the bill pass. All those in favor, vote aye, all those opposed, vote no. Once again, the Chair would inquire if you have all voted. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Read vote. 44 ayes, no mays, 5 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is passed. Attention, please. The final reading of LB77.

CLERK: Read LB77.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with is, the question is, shall the bill pass. All those in favor, vote aye, all those opposed, vote no. Voting on the final passage of LB77 and the Chair would once again inquire have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Read vote. 36 ayes, 6 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is passed. Attention, please. Speaker Proud, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PROUD: If it's permissible, if it's not, I want to make a motion. I would like to ask Senator Marsh a question about LB600. I see it comes up next.

PRESIDENT: You want to ask a question?

SENATOR PROUD: Excuse me, LB77A, I'll withhold my question.

PRESIDENT: All right. Attention, please. The final reading of LB77A.

CLERK: Read LB77A.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass. All those in favor, vote aye. All those opposed, vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Read vote. 32 ayes, 7 nays, 10 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is passed. Speaker Proud, state your point, Senator.